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SUBJECT: COLONEL QADDHAFI AND ARMS SALES COMMISSIONS

1. CAIRO PRESS AUGUST 1 GLEEFULLY REPRODUCES DOCUMENT PURPORTING TO PROVE THAT LIBYAN REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL (RCC) CHAIRMAN QADDHAFI RECEIVING COMMISSIONS ON ARMS SALES TO LIBYA. DOCUMENT IS LETTER FROM LIBYAN PURCHASING BUREAU PARIS TO UNIDENTIFIED ARMS CONTRACTOR STATING THAT ALL FUTURE TRANSACTIONS SHOULD BE HANDLED THROUGH AFRICAN TRADE AND IMPORT COMPANY (A LIBYAN CONCERN), WHICH WOULD RECEIVE COMMISSION FOR ARRANGING SALES. EGYPTIAN PRESS CLAIMS THAT LONDON REPRESENTATIVE OF AFRICAN TRADE AND IMPORT COMPANY, WHICH RECEIVING COMMISSIONS WORTH QTE MILLIONS UNQTE OF DOLLARS, CURRENTLY QADDHAFI COUSIN, SAYYID QADDHAFI AL-DAM, WHO REPORTEDLY ALSO ARRANGES LIBYAN SABOTAGE AND INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS IN ARAB WORLD UNDER COVER OF COMPANY.

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2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH EGYPTIAN PRESS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYS LIBYAN DOCUMENT AND APPEARS HIGHLY PLEASED WITH THIS FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO PILLORY RCC LEADER QADDHAFI, ENTIRE QUESTION OF ARMS SALES COMMISSIONS IN FACT RATHER LIKE PANDAOR'S BOX FOR EGYPTIANS, AS MANY GOE HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS DOUBTLESS GUILTY OF LESS-THAN-SELFLESS CONDUCT WITH RESPECT TO COMMISSIONS AND LIBYANS MAY WELL HAVE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THESE PECCADILLOES. IT EVEN POSSIBLE THAT EGYPTIANS RELEASED DOCUMENT AS PREEMPTIVE ATTACK ON QADDHAFI BECAUSE GOE FEARED THAT LARG ABOUT TO RELEASE DOCUMENTS AGAINST EGYPTIANS.
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